

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 243, nays 179, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 204]

YEAS—243

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Olver
Ackerman	Hall (NY)	Ortiz
Allen	Hare	Pallone
Altmire	Harman	Pascarell
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Pastor
Baca	Hereth	Paul
Baird	Higgins	Payne
Baldwin	Hill	Perlmutter
Barrow	Hinchey	Peterson (MN)
Bean	Hinojosa	Peterson (PA)
Becerra	Hirono	Platts
Berkley	Hodes	Pomeroy
Berman	Holden	Price (NC)
Berry	Holt	Rahall
Bishop (GA)	Honda	Ramstad
Bishop (NY)	Hooley	Rangel
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Reyes
Boren	Inslee	Rodriguez
Boswell	Israel	Ross
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Rothman
Boyd (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Boyd (KS)	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Brady (PA)	Jefferson	Rush
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Salazar
Butterfield	Jones (NC)	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	Jones (OH)	T.
Capuano	Kagen	Sanchez, Loretta
Carnahan	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Carney	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Carson	Kildee	Schiff
Castle	Kilpatrick	Schwartz
Castor	Kind	Scott (GA)
Chandler	Klein (FL)	Scott (VA)
Clarke	Kucinich	Serrano
Clay	Langevin	Sestak
Cleaver	Lantos	Shea-Porter
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Coble	Larson (CT)	Shuler
Cohen	Lee	Sires
Conyers	Levin	Skelton
Cooper	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Costa	Lipinski	Smith (NJ)
Costello	LoBiondo	Smith (WA)
Courtney	Loeb sack	Snyder
Cramer	Lofgren, Zoe	Solis
Crowley	Lowey	Space
Cuellar	Lynch	Spratt
Cummings	Mahoney (FL)	Stark
Davis (AL)	Maloney (NY)	Stearns
Davis (CA)	Markey	Stupak
Davis (IL)	Marshall	Sutton
Davis, Lincoln	Matheson	Tanner
DeFazio	Matsui	Tauscher
DeGette	McCarthy (NY)	Taylor
Delahunt	McCollum (MN)	Terry
DeLauro	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Dicks	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	McHugh	Tierney
Doggett	McIntyre	Towns
Donnelly	McNerney	Udall (CO)
Doyle	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Edwards	Meehan	Van Hollen
Ellison	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Ellsworth	Meeks (NY)	Visclosky
Emanuel	Melancon	Walden (OR)
Engel	Michaud	Walsh (NY)
English (PA)	Miller (NC)	Walz (MN)
Eshoo	Miller, George	Wasserman
Etheridge	Mitchell	Schultz
Farr	Mollohan	Waters
Fattah	Moore (WI)	Watson
Filner	Moran (VA)	Watt
Fossella	Murphy (CT)	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Murphy, Patrick	Weiner
Giffords	Murphy, Tim	Welch (VT)
Gillibrand	Murtha	Wexler
Gonzalez	Nadler	Wilson (OH)
Gordon	Napolitano	Woolsey
Green, Al	Neal (MA)	Wu
Green, Gene	Oberstar	Wynn
Grijalva	Obey	Yarmuth

NAYS—179

Aderholt	Barton (TX)	Boozman
Akin	Biggart	Boustany
Alexander	Bilirakis	Brady (TX)
Bachmann	Bishop (UT)	Brown (SC)
Bachus	Blackburn	Brown-Waite,
Baker	Blunt	Ginny
Barrett (SC)	Boehner	Buchanan
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Burgess

Burton (IN)	Hensarling	Pitts
Buyer	Herger	Poe
Calvert	Hobson	Porter
Camp (MI)	Hoekstra	Price (GA)
Campbell (CA)	Hulshof	Pryce (OH)
Cannon	Hunter	Putnam
Cantor	Inglis (SC)	Radanovich
Capito	Issa	Regula
Carter	Jindal	Rehberg
Chabot	Johnson (IL)	Reichert
Cole (OK)	Johnson, Sam	Renzi
Conaway	Jordan	Reynolds
Crenshaw	Keller	Rogers (AL)
Cubin	King (IA)	Rogers (KY)
Culberson	King (NY)	Rogers (MI)
Davis (KY)	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Davis, David	Kirk	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis, Tom	Kline (MN)	Roskam
Deal (GA)	Knollenberg	Royce
Dent	Kuhl (NY)	Ryan (WI)
Diaz-Balart, L.	LaHood	Sali
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lamborn	Saxton
Doolittle	Latham	Schmidt
Drake	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Dreier	Lewis (CA)	Sessions
Duncan	Lewis (KY)	Shadegg
Ehlers	Linder	Shays
Everett	Lucas	Shimkus
Fallin	Lungren, Daniel	Shuster
Feeney	E.	Simpson
Ferguson	Mack	Smith (NE)
Flake	Manzullo	Smith (TX)
Forbes	Marchant	Souder
Fortenberry	McCarthy (CA)	Sullivan
Fox	McCaul (TX)	Tancred
Franks (AZ)	McCotter	Thornberry
Frelinghuysen	McCrery	Tiahrt
Galleghy	McHenry	Tiberi
Garrett (NJ)	McMorris	Turner
Gerlach	Rodgers	Upton
Gilchrest	Mica	Walberg
Gillmor	Miller (FL)	Wamp
Gingrey	Miller (MI)	Weldon (FL)
Gohmert	Miller, Gary	Weller
Goode	Moran (KS)	Westmoreland
Goodlatte	Musgrave	Whitfield
Granger	Myrick	Wicker
Graves	Neugebauer	Wilson (NM)
Hall (TX)	Nunes	Wilson (SC)
Hartst	Pearce	Wolf
Hastings (WA)	Pence	Young (AK)
Hayes	Petri	Young (FL)
Heller	Pickering	

NOT VOTING—11

Andrews	Davis, Jo Ann	McKeon
Blibray	Emerson	Millender-
Bonner	Kanjorski	McDonald
Cardoza	Lampson	Moore (KS)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1319

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.” So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HAWAIIAN HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of the passage of the bill, H.R. 835, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 272, nays 150, answered “present” 1, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 205]

YEAS—272

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Pallone
Ackerman	Hall (NY)	Pascarell
Allen	Hare	Pastor
Altmire	Harman	Payne
Arcuri	Hastert	Pearce
Baca	Hastings (FL)	Perlmutter
Baird	Hereth	Peterson (MN)
Baldwin	Higgins	Peterson (PA)
Barrow	Hill	Pickering
Bean	Hinchey	Pomeroy
Becerra	Hinojosa	Porter
Berkley	Hirono	Price (NC)
Berman	Hobson	Pryce (OH)
Berry	Hodes	Rahall
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Rangel
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Reichert
Blumenauer	Honda	Renzi
Boren	Hooley	Reyes
Boswell	Hoyer	Reynolds
Boucher	Hunter	Rodriguez
Boyd (FL)	Inslee	Ross
Boyd (KS)	Israel	Rothman
Brady (PA)	Jackson (IL)	Roybal-Allard
Braley (IA)	Jackson-Lee	Ruppersberger
Brown, Corrine	(TX)	Rush
Butterfield	Jefferson	Ryan (OH)
Calvert	Johnson (GA)	Salazar
Cannon	Johnson (IL)	Sánchez, Linda
Capito	Johnson, E. B.	T.
Capps	Jones (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta
Capuano	Jones (OH)	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Kagen	Saxton
Cardoza	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carnahan	Kennedy	Schiff
Carney	Kildee	Schwartz
Carson	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Castor	Kind	Scott (VA)
Chandler	King (NY)	Serrano
Clarke	Kingston	Sestak
Clay	Knollenberg	Shadegg
Cleaver	Kucinich	Shays
Clyburn	LaHood	Shea-Porter
Coble	Langevin	Sherman
Cohen	Lantos	Shimkus
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Simpson
Costa	LaTourette	Sires
Costello	Lee	Skelton
Courtney	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Cramer	Lipinski	Smith (NJ)
Crowley	LoBiondo	Smith (WA)
Cuellar	Loeb sack	Snyder
Cummings	Lofgren, Zoe	Solis
Davis (AL)	Lowey	Space
Davis (CA)	Lucas	Spratt
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Stark
Davis (KY)	Mahoney (FL)	Stupak
Davis, Lincoln	Maloney (NY)	Sullivan
Davis, Tom	Markey	Sutton
DeFazio	Marshall	Tancred
DeGette	Matheson	Tanner
Delahunt	Matsui	Tauscher
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Taylor
Dicks	McCollum (MN)	Thompson (CA)
Dingell	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Doggett	McGovern	Tierney
Donnelly	McIntyre	Towns
Doyle	McNerney	Udall (CO)
Edwards	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Ellison	Meehan	Van Hollen
Ellsworth	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Emerson	Meeks (NY)	Visclosky
Engel	Melancon	Walz (MN)
Eshoo	Michaud	Wasserman
Etheridge	Miller (NC)	Schultz
Farr	Miller, George	Waters
Fattah	Mitchell	Watson
Filner	Mollohan	Watt
Fossella	Moore (KS)	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Moore (WI)	Weiner
Giffords	Moran (VA)	Welch (VT)
Gillibrand	Murphy (CT)	Weller
Gonzalez	Murphy, Patrick	Wexler
Gordon	Murtha	Wilson (NM)
Green, Al	Nadler	Wilson (OH)
Green, Gene	Napolitano	Woolsey
Grijalva	Neal (MA)	Wu
	Oberstar	Wynn
	Obey	Yarmuth
	Olver	Young (AK)
	Ortiz	Young (FL)

NAYS—150

Aderholt	Alexander	Baker
Akin	Bachmann	Barrett (SC)

Bartlett (MD)	Gallegly	Murphy, Tim
Barton (TX)	Garrett (NJ)	Musgrave
Biggert	Gerlach	Myrick
Bilbray	Gohmert	Neugebauer
Bilirakis	Goode	Nunes
Bishop (UT)	Goodlatte	Paul
Blackburn	Granger	Pence
Blunt	Graves	Petri
Boehner	Hall (TX)	Pitts
Boozman	Hastings (WA)	Platts
Boustany	Hayes	Poe
Brady (TX)	Heller	Price (GA)
Brown (SC)	Hensarling	Putnam
Brown-Waite,	Herger	Radanovich
Ginny	Hoekstra	Ramstad
Buchanan	Hulshof	Regula
Burgess	Inglis (SC)	Rehberg
Burton (IN)	Issa	Rogers (AL)
Buyer	Jindal	Rogers (KY)
Camp (MI)	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (MI)
Campbell (CA)	Jordan	Rohrabacher
Cantor	Keller	Ros-Lehtinen
Carter	King (IA)	Roskam
Castle	Kirk	Royce
Chabot	Kline (MN)	Ryan (WI)
Coble	Kuhl (NY)	Sali
Conaway	Lamborn	Schmidt
Crenshaw	Latham	Sensenbrenner
Cubin	Lewis (CA)	Sessions
Culberson	Lewis (KY)	Shuster
Davis, David	Linder	Smith (NE)
Deal (GA)	Lungren, Daniel	Smith (TX)
Dent	E.	Souder
Diaz-Balart, L.	Mack	Stearns
Diaz-Balart, M.	Manzullo	Terry
Doolittle	Marchant	Tiahrt
Drake	McCarthy (CA)	Tiberi
Duncan	McCaul (TX)	Turner
Ehlers	McCotter	Upton
English (PA)	McCrery	Walberg
Everett	McHenry	Walden (OR)
Feeney	McHugh	Walsh (NY)
Ferguson	McMorris	Wamp
Flake	Rodgers	Weldon (FL)
Forbes	Mica	Westmoreland
Fossella	Miller (FL)	Whitfield
Fox	Miller (MI)	Wicker
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Moran (KS)	Wolf

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Bachus

NOT VOTING—10

Bonner	Kanjorski	Millender-
Davis, Jo Ann	Klein (FL)	McDonald
Emanuel	Lampson	Thornberry
Fallin	McKeon	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Speaker pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1328

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1538.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

WOUNDED WARRIOR ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 274 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1538.

□ 1329

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1538) to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes, with Mr. BECERRA in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall not exceed 1 hour and 20 minutes, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services, and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) each will control 30 minutes, and the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

□ 1330

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to bring forward for consideration this bill, H.R. 1538, the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007. This bill is the House Armed Services Committee's first step to address the challenges and the obstacles that wounded and injured servicemembers face during their recovery at Walter Reed Medical Center, and at all military medical facilities around the world.

Mr. Chairman, I am glad this bill is a product of a strong bipartisan effort to support our troops. While recognizing the ranking member of the committee, DUNCAN HUNTER, and the House Veterans Affairs Chairman, BOB FILNER, and STEVE BUYER, the ranking member, for their support and contributions to this bill, I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge the substantial contributions of the Military Personnel Subcommittee chairman, VIC SNYDER, and JOHN MCHUGH, the ranking member, for their considerable help during the development of this bill in committee.

Their knowledge and insights and understanding of the complex medical and disability systems that our servicemembers and their families are undergoing help to ensure that the bill before us today will have an immediate and positive impact on the lives of the wounded servicemembers as well as their families.

Mr. Chairman, the committee moved expeditiously to make changes that

can be adopted fairly quickly after hearing what our wounded soldiers and their families are continuing to face at Walter Reed Hospital. However, these soldiers were not alone. The committee has heard of similar challenges that other soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines that are experiencing the same type of treatment across the country.

Sadly, what happened at Walter Reed was more than just a leadership failure in the Army. It is symptomatic of the enormous and complex factors that affect military medicine.

Yet while those in military medicine provide outstanding quality health care to wounded and injured soldiers, other factors brought to bear on this system also contribute to the state of affairs at Walter Reed Hospital as well as other medical facilities throughout our Nation.

Over the past several years, military medicine has been forced to convert thousands of military medical positions to civilian positions. One could ask how this could have an impact on our wounded forces, and the answer is clear and simple; fewer uniformed medical providers means fewer providers left at military hospitals back home treating injured and treating the wounded servicemembers. It also means that those in uniform who do remain will continue to face a high and sustained operational tempo, greater deployments and more time away from home. And yet the Navy, for example, has proposed for fiscal year 2008 to cut an additional 900 medical providers, including, Mr. Chairman, 100 doctors that provide needed health care to servicemembers as well as their families. That is why the committee chose to move quickly on this bill that will provide quick and immediate help to our troops.

It is clear that continued and persistent problems that were highlighted at Walter Reed Hospital require closer inspection and may demand a significant and comprehensive overhaul of the entire process.

As the Armed Services Committee continues to work on the fiscal year 2008 Defense Authorization bill, we will continue our efforts to examine greater comprehensive reforms to ensure that our forces receive the high quality care that our Nation has an obligation to provide for those wonderful young people in uniform.

However, H.R. 1538 is vitally needed now to provide immediate support for our wounded warriors.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Chairman, I want to add my voice to the eloquent voice of the chairman, Mr. SKELTON. I want to thank him, and thank also Dr. SNYDER and JOHN MCHUGH, the chairman and ranking member of Personnel, for their hard work on this bill. And for all the other Members who worked on this, I know Mr. FILNER and Mr. BUYER were also architects of this bill. But especially our chairman, who has a heart